GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:555
ANSWERED ON:20.07.2016
Racist Attack on Indians in Britain
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Britain has witnessed a spate of racist incidents in the aftermath of vote for the country to withdraw from the European Union and if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether in such racist incidents, Indians living in Britain were being targeted and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take any steps to protect the lives and properties of Indians living in Britain; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
[GEN. (DR) V. K. SINGH (RETD)]

(a) to (d) According to media reports, there was a rise in the number of racist incidents and hate crimes in the week following the referendum in the United Kingdom on 23 June 2016. The then Prime Minister of the United Kingdom David Cameron condemned these incidents in the British Parliament on 27 June 2016. As per the information available with the High Commission of India in London, there has been no recorded incident of racist attack targeting Indians living in the United Kingdom. High Commission of India, London is in regular touch with the Indian community in the United Kingdom and should such an incident come to its notice, necessary steps will be taken to ensure the well-being and safety of Indian nationals in the United Kingdom.